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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/431,159

Group Art Unit: 1764

Filed: November 1, 1999

Examiner: R. Varcoe Jr.

For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING HEAVY  
HYDROCARBON FEEDS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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This is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 14, 2002; accordingly a petition for a one-month extension of time and check therefor are being submitted herewith to extend the deadline for responding to May 14, 2002. Therefore, this response and amendment should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application. This response and amendment should be entered under 37 CFR 1.116 because the amendments to the claims place the application in condition for allowance.